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REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 1, 4-8, 10-15, and 17-19 have been amended and claim 20 has been cancelled. Claim 21 has been added. Claims 1, 4-8, 10-15, 17-19, and 21 are currently pending in the application.

The drawings were objected to as not having a definition for the dotted line and the dark line. It is respectfully submitted that the specification describes all the features of the drawings. For example, on page 12, it is stated, "Fig. 2 shows spectral absorption spectra of photothermographic materials according to the invention before and after thermal development in which a solid line indicates absorption spectra before thermal development while a broken line indicates absorption spectra after development." Because the definitions are clearly found in the specification, one of ordinary skill would understand the drawings as submitted.

Claims 1, 4-8, 10-15, and 17-20 were rejected for being indefinite regarding the silver halide grains. The claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. The dependent claims have also been amended to be commensurate with the independent claim. Claim 17 has been clarified. Claim 20 has been cancelled.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is greatly appreciated. It is believed that the amendments to the claims overcome all the rejections under 35

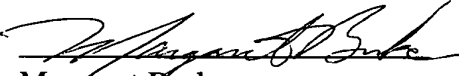
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted
that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable action is
respectfully requested.

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